

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., April 2, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,

Superintendent Mint U.S.,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

The force at present employed at your Mint is excessive, especially the number of Adjusters, and you are hereby directed to reduce the same. It would appear that at least the services of thirty Adjusters could be dispensed with, together with a number of ladies employed in the Coining Room. In this connection I would say that there appears to be continual strife, and efforts made by the Adjusters, to be assigned to duty in the Coining Room. It would seem that there was a good deal of favoritism heretofore in the assignments, and to obviate all this I would suggest that you consider the propriety of employing men exclusively in the Coining Room.

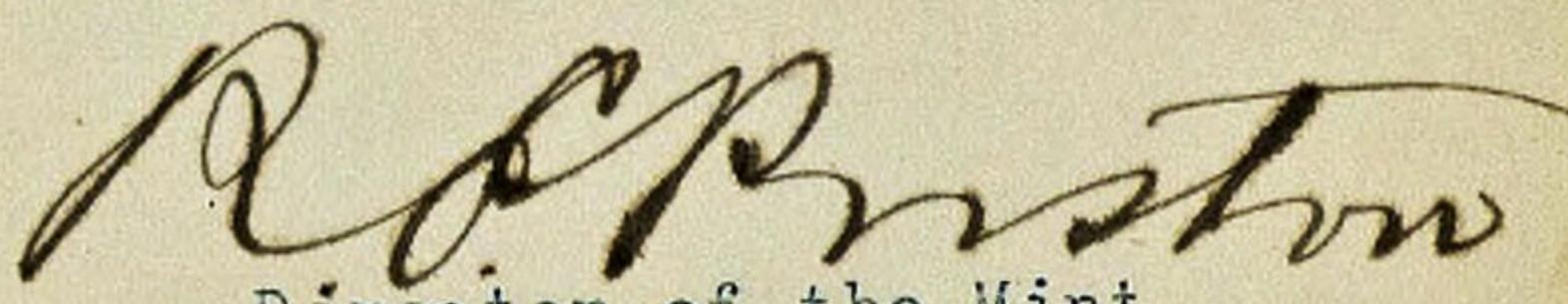
I enclose herewith a statement prepared at my request some time since by the Coiner, giving the average number of pieces adjusted each month from October to February, and I find upon examination of the same that some of the very best Adjusters have been assigned to duty in the Coining Room. In making these assignments it would seem that the Coiner should have assigned others than his most expert Adjusters, as anyone is capable of feeding the presses. I would also suggest that the number of men employed in your Mint appears to be in excess of the requirements, and a reduction should be made, but pending the weighing of the silver dollars now on storage, I

do not feel that I would be justified in naming the number of workmen whose services could be dispensed with, but leave this to your judgment. I also think that the number of persons employed as Assistants could be reduced without detriment to the service.

Owing to the limited amount standing to the credit of your appropriation for Wages of Workmen, it is absolutely necessary that a reduction should be made.

The persons engaged in weighing the silver dollars and bullion now stored in sealed vaults will be paid from the appropriation for Storage. It is my desire to make the estimates for the appropriation that will be required to supply the deficiency in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen, of your Mint, as early as possible, and I will thank you to make the reductions as early as practicable on this account.

Respectfully yours,



Robert M. Brownson  
Director of the Mint.

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